"At-a-Glance" Overview: Top-to-Bottom Rankings

What is the Statewide Top-to-Bottom Ranking?

- The Top-to-Bottom Ranking is a list of schools ranked on their student performance in mathematics, reading, writing, science and social studies. Schools are ranked with an overall percentile from 99 to 0.

- Within each subject, schools are held accountable for three aspects of performance:
    - Achievement
    - Improvement
    - Achievement gap

- In addition, high schools have graduation rates included in the determination of their ranking.

- All schools are included in the ranking if they have two years of assessment data for 30 or more full academic year students in two or more tested subjects.

What are the uses of this list?

- The Top-to-Bottom list is provided to all schools as a diagnostic tool to help them understand their areas of strength and challenge. It is also provided for increased transparency of the performance of Michigan's public schools.

- It is also used to determine the Priority (formerly Persistently Lowest Achieving), Schools based on the bottom 5% of this list.

- It is used to determine the Focus Schools, based on the achievement gap component of this list.

- It is used to determine Reward Schools, based on the top 5% of schools in the ranking as well as the schools with the highest improvement values from this list. Beating the Odds schools, which are those schools either outperforming their expected ranking or outperforming other similarly-situated schools, are also Reward Schools.

What are the resources to understand this ranking?

- You can find more information on the Top-to-Bottom Rankings web page at www.mi.gov/ttb

- The web page includes an overview PowerPoint, an individual school lookup tool, and other resources that allow schools to analyze their own data and identify areas of strength and weakness, as well as begin to develop a data-driven plan for improvement.

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